changes in the jurisdictions of Guntakal and Hubli Divisions. The Government stands committed to the notifications of Zones and Divisions as already issued. No changes are contemplated at present.

Milk vendors in EMUs

2470. SHRI NANA DESWMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether milkmen and vendors virtually takeover the Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs), popularly called shuttles, playing between Faridabad—Delhi, and dump their milk cans in the doorways of the trains;

(b) whether it has become difficult for 50,000 office-goers and students, who commute to Delhi in the EMUs everyday, especially women and the elderly, to alight and enter the shuttles; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to solve the problems of EMUs commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Separate bogies are earmarked for milkmen/vendors in Electrical Multiple Units (EMU) trains. In addition, regular and surprise checks are conducted by ticket checking staff to restrict the unauthorized entry of milkmen and vendors in shuttle trains. These checks will be intensified.

Terminal rail station at Anand Vihar

2471. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decision to convert Anand Vihar railway station into a terminal station has now been finally taken;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the budgetary allocations, the number of proposed platforms, stabling lines and washing lines, completion period and approach roads from East and West side of the station;

(c) whether there is a proposal to develop the Anand Vihar terminal by some private organisation also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Repair of railway bridges

2472. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old railway bridges which need repair in 2002-2003;

(b) the estimated expenditure for the above purpose;

(c) the funds available so far in Railway Safety Fund; and

(d) the funds utilised, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Age is not the criteria for deciding the bridge repair and rehabilitation programme. On Indian Railways bridges are rehabilitated/re-built on the basis of the physical condition as assessed from annual inspections. Bridge rehabilitation/rebuilding is carried out from (i) Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) and (ii) Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF). Rs. 1530 crores have been allocated for bridge rehabilitation/ rebuilding out of SRSF for period of five years. For the year 2002-03 Rs. 143 crore out of SRSF and Rs. 66 crores out of DRF have been allocated, out of which an amount of Rs. 82.3 crores (Rs. 63.54 crores out of SRSF and Rs. 18.75 crores out of DRF) have been spent upto 30.9.2002.

Discontinuation of Bhopal-Jodhpur passenger train

†2473. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to discontinuation of Bhopal-Jodhpur passenger train *via* Gulabganj, the people of this area are facing problems;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.